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1. PROGRAMMING FOR CODEL HAMILTON VISIT JULY 6-9 IS AT THIS TIME IN PRELIMINARY STAGE. USUAL EARLY SCHEDULING PROBLEMS ARE BEING SOMEWHAT COMPLICATED BY FACT OF NEW GOVERNMENT, BUT WE HAVE OBTAINED FROM THE MFA AN ADMITTEDLY SKETCHY OUTLINE, THE DETAILS OF WHICH REMAIN "VERY FLUID." (IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE MFA IS WORKING WITH A NEW GROUP OF MINISTERS AND IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE CONCRETE DETAILS AT PRESENT.)

2. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 - MORNING ARRIVAL, PROCEED TO KING DAVID; 1500 HOURS - YAD VASHEM; THEREAFTER, EMBASSY AND CONGEN BRIEFING FOR CODEL AT CONGN JERUSALEM;
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FOLLOWED BY MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN (NOT CONFIRMED); FOLLOWED BY DINNER HOSTED BY ISRAELI OFFICIAL(S). OVERNIGHT AT KING DAVID.

3. THURSDAY, JULY 7 - MFA NOW SEES A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS WITH INCLUDING SFM VISIT IN PROGRAM, AND THESE DERIVE MAINLY FROM TRANSPORTATION

AND TIME CONSTRAINTS. BY PLANE, THERE IS NO ADEQUATE LANDING STRIP FOR GAZA/KIBBUTZ STOP AFTER SFM; U.S. POLICY OF NON-USE OF JERUSALEM ATAROT AIRPORT ENTAILS TIME LOSS IN USING ALTERNATES; AND IT IS PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE TO HIRE A HELICOPTER. (FYI: ROUGHLY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR SFM/GAZA/KIBBUTZ SWING, ACCORDING TO MFA.) THUS, MFA OFFICIAL WONDERED WHETHER CODEL'S TIME MIGHT BE MORE USEFULLY SERVED IF SFM DIRECTOR WERE TO BRIEF CODEL IN TEL AVIV OR JERUSALEM. (THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE MFA OF THE ABOVE, AND PRESUMABLY WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH CODEL.) AS FOR JULY 7 PROGRAM DETAILS, MFA IS WORKING ON GAZA/KIBBUTZ TOURS, FOLLOWED BY AN IDF BRIEFING IN TEL AVIV, AND POSSIBLY DINNER WITH ANOTHER ISRAELI FIGURE AS REQUESTED BY CODEL (IN TEL AVIV OR JERUSALEM).

4. FRIDAY, JULY 8 - MORNING DEVOTED TO MEETINGS WITH REMAINDER OF ISRAELIS REQUESTED BY CODEL. WEST BANK IN THE AFTERNOON. DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR LEWIS AT THE RESIDENCE--SEE PARA 7 BELOW. OVERNIGHT KING DAVID.

5. SATURDAY, JULY 9- EARLY MORNING TOUR OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JERUSALEM. DEPART JERUSALEM FOR AIRPORT AT 1030 HOURS, DEPART ISRAEL AT 1200 HOURS.

6. FOR DEPARTMENT: WE CAN UNDERSTAND CODEL'S DESIRE TO VISIT SFM AND BUFFER ZONE, BUT DO NOT KNOW IF THEY WOULD WISH TO MAKE THE TRIP-- IF TRANSPORTATION CAN BE ARRANGED --AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER PORTIONS OF THEIR PROGRAM, E.G., GAZA STRIP, KIBBUTZ, OR POSSIBLY, SOME MEETINGS WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS. PLEASE ADVISE US OF CODEL REACTION TO PROPOSED DELETION OF SFM VISIT.

7. NEA FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS: ASSUMING THAT YOU WOULD WISH TO HOST DINNER FOR CODEL AS WAS EARLIER CONCEIVED FOR JULY 12, WE HAVE REQUESTED MFA TO RESERVE THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, JULY 8 FOR THIS PURPOSE. (YOU ARE ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR THE ZOA DINNER IN JERUSALEM ON JULY 7, AND FOR ZUCKERMAN'S DINNER ON JULY 8, BUT YOU MAY WISH TO SEE ZUCKERMAN ON SOME OTHER OCCASION.) OUR GUESS IS THAT BRIEFING AT CONGEN ON JULY 6 WOULD BEGIN ABOUT 1630 HOURS. NEWLIN

COULD STATR AND YOU COULD JOIN IN WHEN YOU ARRIVE
FROM THE LUNCHEON YOU ARE GIVING FOR GENERAL
INDAR.

8. TRANSPORTATION: WE CAN ARRANGE TO HIRE CARS
IF NECESSARY, BUT SUGGEST THAT A SMALL
AIR-CONDITIONED BUS WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE
AND CONGENIAL FOR THE PARTY. PLEASE ADVISE.
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